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Distribution of ammonium sulphate.

* 80 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have selected a firm or firms for the distribution of ammonium sulphate as a mixture and as a straight fertilizer in 1947–48;

(b) what the basis was on which selection was made;

(c) whether the selection was made as a result of tenders invited for the purpose;

(d) what the quotations of the firms are, whose tenders have been accepted and the quantities allotted to each firm;

(e) the quantity allocated for (a) mixture, (b) straight fertilizer in 1947–48;

(f) what quantity is expected from the pool in 1948–49 and how it is to be allocated and distributed;

(g) how much of the quantity allotted is from imports abroad and from indigenous production; and

(h) the rates at which the imported and indigenous stuffs are purchased and sold to consumers?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"(a) (i) The following three firms were selected by Government for the distribution of ammonium sulphate as straight fertilizer during 1947–48:—

(1) Messrs. Ranga Vilas Ginning and Oil Mills, Limited, Coimbatore;

(2) Messrs. Lloyds Commercial Corporation, Madras; and

(3) Messrs. The Imperial Chemical Industries (India), Limited, Madras.

(ii) The position as regards the selection of firms for allotment of Ammonium Sulphate for making manure mixtures is as follows:—

The established firms that were engaged in manure mixture trade even before the war were the following:—

(1) Messrs. Parry and Company, Limited, Madras.

(2) ,, Shaw Wallace and Company, Madras.

(3) ,, The Mysore Fertilizer and Company.

(4) ,, The Scientific Fertilizer and Company.

(5) ,, The Nilgiris Fertilizer, Limited.

(6) ,, T. Stanes and Company, Limited, Coimbatore.

(7) ,, Tata Oil Mills, Limited, Tatanagar.

The allotment of Ammonium Sulphate was therefore confined to those firms. Subsequently, the Government

decided that the allotment of Ammonium Sulphate for manure mixtures should not be confined to those firms only. The following firms were subsequently selected for allotment :—

(1) Messrs. The Premier Fertilizer, Limited, Tanjore.

(2) Messrs. The Nilgiris Gowder Corporation, Limited, Coonoor.

(3) Messrs. The Jupiter Manure and Bone Mills, Limited, Cocanada.

(4) Messrs. The Nilgiris Co-operative Marketing Society.

(5) Messrs. A. S. T. F. Rodriguez and Company, Katpadi.

(6) Messrs. The Cochin Fertilizer, Limited, Trichur.

(7) Mr. C. Raju of Cocanada.

In 1947 the Government constituted a Fertilizer Advisory Committee to advise them *inter alia* in the selection of manure mixing firms for allotment of Government imported chemical fertilizers. On the recommendation of the Committee, the Government have selected the following three additional firms :—

(1) Messrs. Hindustan Fertilizers and Bone Mills, Limited, Kuppam.

(2). Messrs. Chemicals and Fertilizers, Limited, Trichy.

(3) Messrs. The National Chemicals, Masulipatam.

"(*b*) & (*c*) The three firms for the sale of Ammonium Sulphate as a straight fertilizer were selected by inviting tenders. The tenders of these three firms were accepted as they satisfied *inter alia* the following two conditions :—

(1) The firms should not deal in manure mixtures and

(2) their rates for handling and commission charges should not exceed Rs. 17–8–0 per ton.

No tenders were invited for selection firms for allotment of chemical fertilizers for the preparation and sale of manure mixtures. The procedure adopted in this case is explained in the answer to clause (*a*).

"(*d*) The rates for handling and commission charges quoted by the three firms in their tenders were Rs. 15, 16 and 17–8–0 respectively. The quantity of Ammonium Sulphate that is being distributed to them for sale as straight fertilizer is in the ratio of 1 : 1 : 2 with reference to the areas allotted to them.

"(*e*) 9,371 tons of Ammonium Sulphate were set apart for mixtures and 25,000 tons for sale as straight fertilizer by the selected firms.

"(*f*) & (*g*) The Government of India have not yet allotted the quota for 1948–49.

"(h) The present pool price of imported ammonium sulphate is Rs. 290 per ton free on rail, Main Port, Madras and the price of Ammonium Sulphate supplied by Messrs. Fertilizers and Chemicals, Travancore, Limited, is Rs. 320 per ton ex-factory in 1 cwt. gunny bags. The imported fertilizer is being sold by the Agricultural Department at the pool price plus incidental charges such as railway freight. The three selected firms sell the imported fertilizer at the pool price plus their commission and handling charges as approved by Government. The higher priced Travancore supplies are being sold by the Agricultural Department to manure mixing firms and sugar factories at cost price plus incidental charges."

Admission of students to the Agricultural Colleges.

* 81 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the Agricultural Colleges in the Province—

(*a*) the total number of applications received from candidates for admission ;

(*b*) the number of applicants from each community (1) Brahmans, (2) Non-Brahmans, (3) Harijans, (4) Muslims, (5) Indian Christians, and (6) Anglo-Indians;

(*c*) the number of admissions for each community as mentioned above ;

(*d*) the number of applicants who had taken the Degree of B.Sc. or other equivalent degrees or higher degrees;

(*e*) the number of applicants who had passed the Intermediate Examinations of Madras University or any other University in first class ; and

(*f*) the number of those who were eventually found to be disqualified for admission?

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—"(*a*) 728.

"(*b*)	Brahmans	347
	Non-Brahmans	339
	Harijans	8
	Muslims	9
	Indian Christians	25
	Anglo-Indians	Nil.

"(*c*)	Brahmans	40
	Non-Brahmans	118
	Harijans	4
	Muslims	8
	Indian Christians	10
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